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## Sheriff C. F. "Neil" Grantham's murderer still on death row after 20 years

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

There are two things that come to mind, or should come to mind, to the people Elba and Coffee County when the month of March rolls around each year. One is the floods of the past and recent years and the other is the cold blooded murder of Coffee County Sheriff C. F. "Neil" Grantham.

In recent months, the citizens of Elba have seen a lot - or at least heard of a lot of government red tape being cut through to help the City of Elba and its residents - and county residents - in resolving flood related problems, and hopefully preventing future flooding. We salute these efforts and the persons overseeing them.

On the other hand, court proceedings in the matter of the cold blooded murder of Sheriff Grantham are still unresolved after twenty long years! Monday, March 1, marked the twentieth anniversary of that horrible event. The man - Billy Joe Magwood - convicted of murdering Sheriff Grantham is still sitting on death row in Atmore awaiting the resolve of yet another appeal before a United States District Court.

In the early hours (shortly after 7:00 a.m.) of Thursday, March 1, 1979, three shots were fired into the body of Sheriff Neil Grantham. It

was determined later in an autopsy that any one of the shots would have been fatal to the sheriff. Billy Joe Magwood was arrested and convicted of the murder.

The murder took place in front of the county jail which was located just a block off the courthouse square in downtown Elba. Sheriff Grantham was arriving at work as he did every morning, checking in with personnel at the jail before going to his office in the courthouse.

It is not known, and probably will never be known, as to why Magwood shot Sheriff Grantham; however, it is known that a list was found of several other prominent officials that Magwood allegedly planned to harm in some manner.

In June of 1981, almost a year and a half after the murder, Magwood was tried and convicted of capital murder and sentenced to die in the state's electric chair. There was little question as to who had shot Sheriff Grantham as there were witnesses to the shooting that fateful morning. A deputy sheriff, the late Thomas Weeks, exchanged gunfire with Magwood as he was leaving the scene. He identified Magwood, who was taken into custody later in the morning on the day of the shooting by then Alabama State Trooper R. W. Whitworth, as the murderer. Whitworth has since retired from the



The Late Sheriff C. F. "Neil" Grantham

### Address changeover for county-wide E-911 now underway in Elba

The residents of Coffee County, to include those in the city of Elba and the towns of Kinston and New Brockton, are presently undergoing changes of address to accommodate the new enhanced 911 (E-911) system.

The purpose of this change is to better serve all residents with particular emphasis on those residents encountering an emergency. With the new addressing system in place, the various emergency response agencies (sheriff, police, fire, emergency medical/rescue, and emergency management) can better identify and respond to a specific address.

Residents are encouraged to assist these emergency response agencies by placing the new address on both sides of their mail boxes and on the part of the residence or structure that faces the road.

These "new numbers" should be at least three inches (or larger) in height and should be reflective to make them more visible at night. In the event the mailbox is some distance from the driveway, the resident should place a sign containing the new address on either side of the driveway and/or on the house or structure. This is particularly important if the mailbox is not on the same side of the road and close to the residence or structure.

For example, if John Doe of Route 1 Box 222 in Elba is given the new address of 1234 County

road 555 in Elba, AL 36323, he should use the following return address on all future correspondence: John Doe, 1234 County Road 555, Elba, AL 36323 (Notice: the route and box number are no longer used in the new address).

Additionally, "John Doe" would place the number 1234 on both sides of his mail box and on his house or on a sign near his driveway. Again, it is important to understand that a resident wants to aid response personnel in positively identifying their residence or business.

Addressing of homes and businesses inside town and city limits is also very important. One should ensure that their home or business is clearly marked with their current street address and that the number can be easily seen from the street.

As an aside, the new addressing system will greatly assist home deliveries by other businesses such as Airborne Express, FedEx, UPS, appliance stores, furniture stores, etc.

Anyone having questions concerning their new E-911 address should contact the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at 894-5414. Callers are asked to be patient as the telephone line is heavily used.

(Editor's Note: The information for the above article furnished by Deputy EMA Director John Tallas)



**IT'S BREAKFAST TIME...**The Elba Lions Club will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast Benefit on Saturday, March 6, at the Senior Citizen's Center. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice will be served from 6 until 10 a.m. Tickets may be purchased from any Lion or at the breakfast. Come and join us this Saturday!

troopers and is now serving as Elba's police chief. His only comment when asked his feelings on Monday concerning Neil's death was, "It's been a long time!"

One would think - given the facts - that conviction for the murder of Sheriff Grantham would have been a classic example of an open and shut case; however, it was not. What it was, or is, is an example of the long tedious process involved in the finalization of a murder conviction - or any conviction - in the state of Alabama!

The following is a list of the events that have occurred in the legal process concerning Magwood's conviction in the pre-meditated murder of Sheriff Neil Grantham. The events are in chronological order and are as follows:

March 1, 1979 - Sheriff Grantham murdered

June 2, 1981 - Billy Joe Magwood found guilty of capital murder

June 30, 1981 - Magwood sentenced to death by electrocution

May 18, 1982 - Magwood's conviction and sentence affirmed by Alabama Criminal Court of Appeals

January 7, 1983 - Petition of Writ of Certiorari affirmed by Alabama Supreme Court

July 13, 1983 - Petition of Writ of Error Coram Nobis filed in Coffee County Circuit Court

March 20, 1984 - Petition denied and affirmed by Alabama Criminal Court of Appeals

June 5, 1984 - Motion of Out-of-Time Appeal denied by Alabama Supreme Court

March 26, 1985 - Conviction upheld by Federal Court by conditionally granted writ as to the sentence imposed by holding sentencing court committed error by not finding two mitigating circumstances. The finding was appealed by both the State of Alabama and Magwood.

June 4, 1986 - Holding was affirmed by the U. S. Court of Appeals - 11th Circuit.

Sept. 17, 1986 - Resentencing hearing by Coffee County Circuit Court

October 2, 1986 - Death sentence by electrocution imposed by Coffee County Circuit Court

April 12, 1988 - Resentencing affirmed by Alabama Criminal Court of Appeals

December 30, 1988 - Holding affirmed by Alabama Supreme Court

October 16, 1989 - Petition for Writ of Certiorari denied by U. S. Supreme Court

June 28, 1990 - Petition of Relief from Conviction and Sentence of Death pursuant to former Temporary Rule 20 filed by Magwood

July 23, 1990 - State responds to Magwood's petition.

September 20, 1990 - Coffee County Circuit Court issued order that Magwood file an amended petition or provide specific factual showings in support of his allegations.

October 10, 1990 - Magwood filed amended petition. It was amended seven (7) times.

April 15, 1992 - Evidential hearing conducted on above petition

January 13, 1993 - Coffee County Circuit Court denied and dismissed petition.

February 14, 1993 - Above ruling appealed by Magwood

February 14, 1994 - Attorney General files brief on above appeal

May 3, 1994 - Case again received by Alabama Criminal Court of Appeals

Mat 10, 1996 - Magwood conviction once again affirmed by Alabama Criminal Court of Appeals

May 24, 1996 - Magwood files for rehearing

August 23, 1996 - Alabama Criminal Court of Appeals overrules hearing

September 6, 1996 (and the months following) - Appeals filed with and denied by the Alabama Supreme Court and U. S. District Court

April 23, 1997 - Habeas Corpus petition filed with U. S. Court of Appeals - 11th Circuit and a petition of Certiorari filed with U. S. Supreme Court (date unknown)

June 1997 - U. S. Supreme Court refused without comment to hear petition

June 1997 - Appeal filed with U. S. District Court

Some of the things the many appeals have dealt with are: ineffective counsel, failure of court officials to fully transcribe court proceedings, improper denial of change of venue, some people improperly excluded from jury duty, introduction of inflammatory evidence by the prosecution, death penalty unconstitutional because it is dispro-

portionately applied to blacks, and many, many more.

After following the above events, it is easy to understand why Sheriff Grantham's family members, or families of any other victim, would want final closure to his tragic death. As one family member put it, "Each time there is a hearing, its like having a scab scratched off a wound that has begun to heal."

In speaking with Sheriff Grantham's son, Kenneth, he, as well as other family members, want final closure to Neil Grantham's murder so that they can celebrate and remember the "good times" of his father's life.

"I could, although it would not be right, live with Magwood having to serve life in prison without parole if it would bring final closure to this matter," said Grantham.

"If I could have just one wish granted me, it would be that my dad could spend just five minutes with his grandson and granddaughter and they with him," said Kenneth.

Sheriff's Grantham's sister, Janette Carr said, "I could never have visualized the torment and torture of the future as my family would be forced to live the never ending 'Appeals Nightmare'."

"On that fatal day twenty years ago, I truly believe our judicial system - the one Neil died for - punished the guilty and protected the innocent. I was very naive for the system actually punishes the innocent and protects the guilty."

Mrs. Carr knows that she can not change Neil's death but she does strive to help make the system a little fairer for victims. She has for the last five years gone before the State Senate and lobbied for the Direct Capital Appeals Bill and the Truth in Sentencing Bill.

"It has been very painful reliving this nightmare," said Carr. "But, if the passage of these bills will help swing the pendulum of justice back

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### Coffee County Commissioner charged with DUI by Dothan police officer

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

It was reported in a last week's edition of The Dothan Eagle that Coffee Commissioner Robert Len Averett was arrested on DUI (Driving Under the Influence) charges in Dothan on Tuesday, February 23, 1999.

According to the article, Averett was stopped and arrested by a Dothan police officer in the 4300 block of West Main Street in Dothan.

The docket at the Dothan City Jail showed that Averett was booked into the facility on a DUI charge at 2:43 p.m. Tuesday and was later released on bail at 8:40 p.m. that same day.

Police records show that Averett's test results on the breathalyzer was .000.

Commissioner Averett's account of Tuesday's events were that he was probably weaving as he was driving in the city limits of Dothan, but it was due to a problem he was having with his vision and not because he had had anything to drink. He said that he had not drunk any alcohol in 15 or 20 years.

Averett commented that he was taking several pain medications at the present time due to injuries sustained in a farm accident several years ago; however, he said none of the medications prevented him from driving.

According to Averett, he was attempting to make a left turn and return to Flowers Hospital to be checked for the problem he was having with his vision when he was stopped by the patrolman.

It is Averett's contention that he passed the field tests (walking in a straight line, touching the tip of his nose, etc.) administered by the



Commissioner Len Averett

policeman but was still placed under arrest and taken to the city jail at the insistence of another officer who arrived on the scene. He also said that he told the officers about the problem he was having with his vision.

Averett insisted that he was not drinking, and he did not understand why he was charged with DUI.

This reporter, in checking with a law enforcement agency, was told that an individual has to be charged with DUI before any tests can be administered to him - breathalyzer or any other tests. It was further stated that DUI covers other driving impairments other than just alcohol.

Commissioner Averett is confident that he will be found innocent when he has his day in court on the matter.

The commissioner is serving his first term on the Coffee County Commission. He holds the seat (District 6) formally held by his father, the late Sid Averett.

## Area Happenings

**VIETNAM VETS MEET** VVA 373, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday (TONIGHT), March 4, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clayhatchee Community Building. Members, family, and guest are welcome. Plans for the state banquet to be held in Enterprise, AL on June 12, 1999 will be discussed. For information contact 347-1426 or 598-8804.

**COUNTY BOE MEETING** The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday (TONIGHT), March 4, 1999, at 6:30 in the Board Room of the Coffee County Board of Education Central Office in Elba.

**COMMISSION MEETING** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 8, 1999, in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 6, 1999, from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the Elba Senior Citizens Center located on the square in Elba. The charge will be a \$3.00 donation for adults and a \$2.00 donation for children.

**SAUSAGE FESTIVAL** The first ever old time County Fair and Sausage Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 1999, at the Heart of Dixie Music Park located just west of Elba on AL Hwy. 166. Watch for more details in The Elba Clipper as plans for the event are developed.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

Elba folks have felt the pain of the Bryan family in Dothan ever since hearing the first Friday morning reports of the family tragedy which shattered their home at dawn and forever changed their lives. With their family roots in Coffee County and many family and friends still here, there was more than one person who openly expressed a hope that the reports were just horrible rumors. To have one child die is terrible for any family, but to have that teenage child die violently, mother in the hospital with gunshot wounds and a second teenage child in jail, charged with the senseless shootings... helps surviving that and getting on with their lives is going to take a lot of help for the Man Upstairs. Law officers were, at last report, trying to figure out why a 14-year-old would take a shotgun and shoot his sleeping brother at close range and then turn the weapon on his mother as he went down stairs to the first floor.

The federal buy-out of Elba homes prone to regular flood damage is progressing. A woman from the Atlanta office of FEMA told members of the Governor's Flood Task Force last Thursday that the buy-out should be authorized on the federal level within the next two or three weeks. Then these property owners will be in the hands of lawyers drawing up deeds and checking titles. It has been a long wait, but it sounds like something is finally about to happen... over a year after the March 8, 1998 flood.

The upbeat happenings around this community continue. The positive outlook at Dorsey Trailers came unexpectedly this week, but welcomed with open arms. A new retail store is now open on the square... Tropical Paradise (yep, the c is correct) is next to Ace Hardware. They sell cosmetics, clothing and other items. Elba Auto Parts (on the Bypass) is near completing their expansion project and the U. S. Post Office in Elba has added another rural route, Route 6. It just makes us want to shout to the world.

Haywood Drugs has added an innovative service to their new store on the bypass. Students, or anyone, can use their bank of new computers to connect with the internet for homework, check stock market prices and/or activity or to do just general internet research. The cubicals are designed to allow room for children to teach parents and/or grandparents the procedures involved with "surfing the net." This is a service often found in larger communities, but it is rare to find such options in the smaller communities of Alabama, or anywhere else for that matter. This firm, and it's management, is to be congratulated for their foresight in offering this cutting edge service to the community.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 22, 1999, investigated the following incidents: unauthorized use of a vehicle, one DUI, five thefts of property, one vicious dog at large, one harassment, one disorderly conduct, one criminal trespass, one robbery, and one assault.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for failure to appear and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22** - River stage - 5:14 feet (6:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the courthouse in Elba (7:37 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (7:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 305 (11:30 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on Taylor Mill Road (3:52 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at the intersection of Simmons and West Davis (5:12 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23** - River stage - 4.94 feet (6:09 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Jones Street (7:37 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24** - River stage - 4.89 feet (6:14 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a structure fire on Co. Rd. 239 (7:33 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84 W. (3:12 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (6:31 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Hickman Avenue (1:18 a.m.); Prowler reported at Mullins Apts. (1:37 a.m.); Prowler reported at Mullins Apts. (4:04 a.m.); Elba - Rescue Squad dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 359 (5:37 a.m.); River stage - 4.62 (6:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Dothan hospital (9:26 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26** - River stage - 4.35 feet (6:58 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Co. Rd. 368 (12:17 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27** -

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## BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213  
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon, First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall  
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thur. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office  
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. Rescue Sq. Bld.  
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.  
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School  
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858  
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House  
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room  
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar  
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays -

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 23, 1999, through March 1, 1999. They were: Frances L. Chandler, June Meredith, William Parrish, James Debece, Patricia Watson, Jesse Lee Hornsby, Christopher Arnett, Mary Cooper, June Meredith, Jerry Bedsoe, Keleb Dyess, Winnie James, Susie Baldwin, Jo Ann Rhoads, Rebecca Stinson, Kaleb Dyess, Tyler Dawson, Bertha Williams, Peggy Hyatt, Gloria Tillery, Fred Cox, Martha Berry, Christopher Legear, Jennifer Ware, Harry Griffin, Mary Young, Callie Carr, I. D. Coon, O. P. Truitt, Rebecca Carpenter, Billy Denham, Odessa Osborne, Patricia Clark, Jewel Odum, Willie McClair.

## NOTICE

Visitor Restriction at Elba Nursing Home A visitor restriction has been enforced at the Elba Nursing Home, according to Ellen Briley, administrator. No children please. All visitors MUST report to the nurses station for further instructions, and everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

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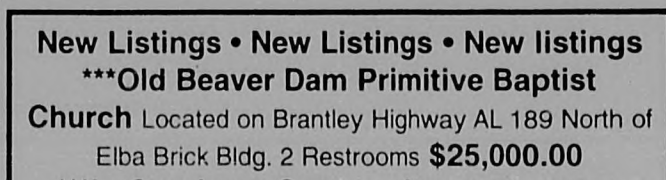
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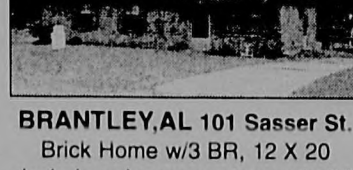
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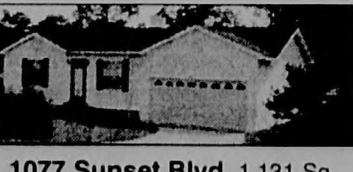
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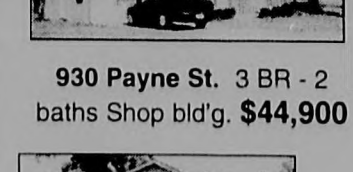
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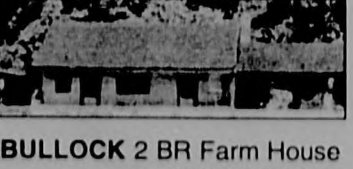
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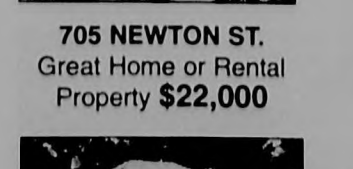
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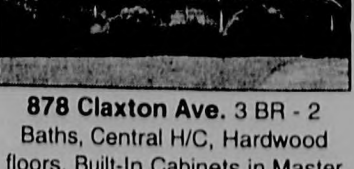
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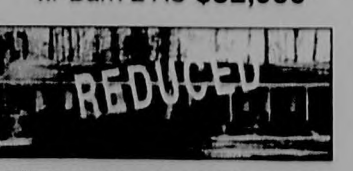
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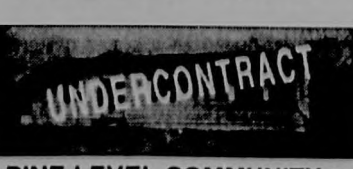
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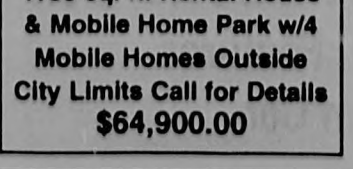
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For further information on what is available at these hospitals, call 1-800-237-5055, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST; internet address: <http://www.shriners.org>. Sincerely, M.J. (Jack) PARKER

Coffee County Resident  
Elba, Alabama 36323

Your Elba Post Office has been working closely with the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency to assure a smooth transition from your current rural style address to the new street address. The address conversion for your area is complete and the post office is ready to deliver to your new address.

You should begin using your new street address on ALL your mail immediately. When notifying correspondents of your new address, do not abbreviate "County Road." It must be spelled out, for example, if your address is 123 County Road 456, it should be given as shown. Do not abbreviate County Road as "CR," "Co. Rd.," or "County Rd."

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MARRY IRENE BOWERS

Mrs. Mary Irene Bowers, age 82, of Rt. 5, Elba, died Feb. 26, 1999 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Mrs. Bowers was a life long resident of Elba and Coffee County. Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 1999 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Marvin Ems officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Bowers was preceded in death by her husband, George M. Bowers Sr.

Survivors include two sons: George M. "Buddy" Bowers Jr. and Donald A. "Don" Bowers, both of Elba; four brothers: Lottice L. Hamm Jr., Decatur; Luther M. Hamm, Aiken, S.C.; Wayne Hamm, Birmingham; Dr. Phil Hamm, Elba; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

JOHN "DAVID" BRYAN

John "David" Bryan, age 17, of Dothan, died February 26, 1999 at his residence.

Funeral services were held March 2, 1999 at First Assembly of God Church in Dothan with Rev. Murray Kelly and Rev. Stacey Turney officiating. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Park with Byrd Funeral Home directing.

David was preceded in death by his grandparents, J.C. and Buna Wright.

Survivors include his parents: Gary and Paula Bryan, Dothan; a brother: Anthony Bryan, Dothan; a sister: Kelly Bryan, Dothan; grand-children: W.T. and Catherine Bryan, Elba; Godparents: Alfred and Amy Miles, Florence; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

LOUISE COOPER

Mrs. Louise Cooper, age 81, of Elba, died Feb. 24, 1999 at Enterprise Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, 1999 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Martin Ems officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Robert L. Cooper Jr., Elba; the daughter: Susan C. Bernstein, Montgomery; one son: Robert L. Cooper III, Mobile; a son-in-law: Philip Bernstein, Jr., Montgomery; three grandchildren: Susan Cooper, Troy; Emily Bernstein.

## CARD OF THANKS

COOPER FAMILY  
We gratefully appreciate the food, prayers, and words of comfort and acts of kindness extended to us during the death of our loved one.  
THE FAMILY OF LOUISE COOPER  
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## AREA DEATHS

Montgomery; Brian Bernstein, Sun Valley, ID.

CLARA EUTOKA JOHNSON

Mrs. Clara Eutoka Johnson, age 95, of Rt. 1, Jack, died Feb. 26, 1999.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 1999 at New Hope Baptist Church with Revs. J.C. Turner and Mack King officiating. Burial followed in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery with Dillard-Jackson-Bryan Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

Mrs. Johnson was a retired teacher who taught at New Hope Junior High School for 33 years.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Buna Faye and Leon Hornsby, New Hope Community; a granddaughter and husband: Claire and Dan, Windham, Gulf Breeze, Fla.; a grandson and wife: Joseph and Cathy Hornsby, Montgomery; great-granddaughter and husband: Jennifer Windham and Scott England, Chicago, Ill.; two great-grandsons and their wives: Daniel and Maria Windham, Gulf Breeze, Fla. and Channing and Traci Holland, Prattville; great-granddaughters: Melinda Hornsby, Montgomery; Jessica Hornsby, Troy; great great-grandchildren: Carsen and Eric Holland; sister-in-law: Leslie Preade, Graceville, Fla.

JESSIE NELL KENDRICK

Mrs. Jessie Nell Kendrick, age 75, of 2805 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, died Feb. 27, 1999 at Sun Alliance Hospice.

Funeral services were held March 3, 1999 at Whitewater Baptist Church with Rev. David Richburg officiating. Burial followed in the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Rose Mary and Rhett Crook, Cummings, Ga. and Margaret and Les Hancock, Denver, Col.; a son and daughter-in-law: John Frank Jr. and Carl Vaughan, Kentonville, Mo.; a sister: Mary Logan, Elba; two brothers: Jimmy White and Foy White, both of Elba; five grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MYRTLE KILLINGSWORTH

Mrs. Myrtle Louise Killingsworth, age 70, of Brantley, died March 1, 1999 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services will be held today, March 4, 1999, at Friendship Baptist Church in Bullock with the Revs. Buford Brady and Travis Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Bullock Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Lounis Killingsworth, Brantley; a son: Estelle P. Sanders, Roton; a daughter-in-law: Elaine Stricklin, Brantley; her mother: Louise Powell, Brantley; two step sons:

Billy Killingsworth, Foley, Ala. and Don Killingsworth, Tallahassee, Fla.; a sister: Dorothy Linton, Brantley; one grandson: Randy Scott Stricklin, Atlanta, Ga.; one granddaughter: Robyn Stricklin, Byrd, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

JOSHUA MAGWOOD SR.

Joshua Magwood Sr., age 77, of Elba, died Feb. 19, 1999.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25, 1999 at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. John L. Grayer officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Calvary Cemetery with Coleman-Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Magwood is preceded in death by a son, Darrel Magwood, and two brothers: Jerry Magwood and Sammie-David Magwood.

Survivors include his wife: Emma Roberta Magwood, Elba; 11 children: Joshua (Gloria) Magwood Jr., Aurora, Colo.; Harry (late Betty Jean) Magwood, Christine (Charles) Bradley, Lorene (Leroy Sr.) Cole, Rosa (Robert) Austin, Janie (Leon) Kelley, Sheila Magwood, all of Elba, Dwight (Ruth) Magwood, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rachel (James) Moore, Enterprise, Joshlyn (Sam) Smith and Robert (Mary) Magwood, both of Lake Wales, Fla.; two brothers: Rev. Enevel (Ruby) Magwood, Elba, and Rev. Jacob (Polly) Magwood, Newton; one sister: Versie Langston, Lake Wales, Fla.; 29 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

MARION J. SANDERS

Marion J. Sanders, age 78, of Rt. 2, (Roton Community) Brundidge, died Feb. 25, 1999 at his home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27, 1999 at Roton Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Sanders, Ralph Jerigan and Joe Underwood officiating. Burial followed in Roton Baptist Church Cemetery with Dillard-Jackson-Bryan Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

He was preceded in death by his father: J.O. Sanders; sister: Dorothy Sanders; brother: Daniel O. Sanders and grandson, Philip Carl Sanders.

Survivors include his wife: Virginia J. Sanders, Roton; his mother: Estelle P. Sanders, Roton; daughter and son-in-law: Kathy and Dean Haynes, Enterprise; two sons and daughters-in-law: Carl

and Donna Sanders and Kenneth and Susanne Sanders, all of Roton; 13 grandchildren: Heley Whitlock, Charlie Sanders, Andy Lavender, Bryan Sanders, Jennifer Sanders, Kenny Sanders, Melissa Sanders, Sarah Sanders, Lindsey Sanders, Kathy Haynes, and Jonathan Sanders; one great-grandchild: Emily Whitlock; two brothers and sisters-in-law: Roy and Reba Sanders, Troy and Ray and Theda Sanders, Frisco Community; four sisters and brothers-in-law: Mary and Labon Gregory, Roton, Virginia Brown, Warrior, Martha and Billy Wilson, Destin, Fla. and Louise and Randolph Johnston, Brundidge; sisters-in-law: Barbara L. Sanders McVey, Troy.

DAVID E. WAMBLES

David E. Wambles, age 83, of Lake Wales, Fla., died Feb. 28, 1999 at Lake Wales Medical Center.

Mr. Wambles was born on May 10, 1915 in Coffee County where he lived until moving to Lake Wales in 1954.

Funeral services were held March 3, 1999 at the Marion Nelson Funeral Home with Rev. A.J. Stevenson officiating. Burial followed at the Lake Wales Cemetery.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle Jacobs Wambles. Survivors include two daughters: Mary Sue Wyrosick, Lake Wales and Dorothy Campbell, Tallahassee, Fla.; four sons: Q.R. Wambles, Babson Park, Fla.; William David Wambles, Winter Haven, Fla.; Daniel Ray Wambles, Winter Haven, Fla. and James Harold Wambles, Dothan; a brother: JR. Wambles, Apopka, Fla.; a sister: Anna Lois Austin, Brundidge; 25 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 4 great great-grandchildren.

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# LIFESTYLES

## McCollough — Bedsole wedding held October 10th

Amelia Louise Bedsole and Michael LaDon McCollough were united in marriage Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba Church of Christ.

Minister Keith L. Ellis of the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise performed the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Nancy M. Haddad, of Elba; Mr. James Bedsole of Opp, and Mr. and Mrs. Mickey L. McCollough of Elba.

Grandparents of the groom are the late Mrs. Margaret B. Smith, the late Mr. Henry J. Smith and the late Mr. and Mrs. Luke McCollough, all of Elba.

The entry doors of the church were marked with clusters of mixed flowers accented with candlelight bows. In the foyer, the registry table held the bride's book, plum pen, a mixed arrangement of flowers, and a framed copy of the couple's wedding invitation.

Mrs. Jeanne Burt of Dadeville and Miss Candy Parker of Brewton presided at the bride's book. Brad Sullivan of Elba, nephew of the groom, provided guests with a wedding program as they entered the foyer.

Pews for the parents were marked with arrangements of mixed flowers and candlelight ribbon. Alternating pews were decorated along the center aisle with clusters of greenery and ribbon. A single candle was placed in the front left of the auditorium in honor of the bride's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jessie G. Young, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

A large arrangement of pink roses, larkspur, fuchsia, and asters in a white vase, resting on a white Roman column was the focal point of the platform. Nine-branch candelabra trees filled with jade palm leaves were placed on each side of the platform. Two other nine-branch candelabra trees filled with jade palm leaves were placed on the floor on each side below the platform, along with ferns sitting on white pedestals.

Mr. Richie Bedsole, brother of the bride, and Mr. Lance McCollough, brother of the groom, both of Elba, began the ceremony by lighting the candles. Mr. Metz Barnes of Dothan sang "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" and Mr. Greg Wakefield of Dothan read a passage from I Corinthians 13. Violinist Daisy Dell Pollan and pianist Renola Smith, both of Dothan, provided music before and during the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, wore a princess style gown of candlelight satin. The gown featured a sweetheart neckline and appliques of Venetian lace and pearls along the short sleeves and fitted bodice. A row of miniature satin covered buttons adorned the center of the chapel-length train.

She wore a veil, made by the matron of honor, which flowed from a hand of lace and pearls and was

trimmed in candlelight ribbon. Arranged in her bouquet was a handkerchief belonging to her maternal grandmother.

Mrs. Veronica Stephenson of Enterprise served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Michelle Click, Auburn; Mrs. Emily Goodman, Opelika; Mrs. Mandy Jelfcoat, Elba; Mrs. Whitney Long, St. Simon's Island, Ga.; Miss Melanie Martin and Miss Tana Miller, Woodstock, Ga.; Mrs. Kristin Newman, Jonesboro, Ga.; and Miss Krysti Owens, Atlanta, Ga.

The bridesmaids wore gowns of burgundy satin. The princess style gowns featured a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice, and floor-length skirt. Each bridesmaid wore a single strand of pearls and matching earrings and carried bouquets of pink roses and cascading white sheer ribbon.

Miss Megan Sullivan of Elba, niece of the groom, served as flower girl. She wore an ivory tea-length dress with a scalloped collar, trimmed in ecru battenburg lace. She carried a wicker basket filled with a mixed arrangement of flowers.

The mother of the bride wore a two-piece tea-length suit of navy blue shantung. The neckline and front of the jacket were adorned with beads and pearls.

The mother of the groom wore a tea-length dress in teal green. The overlay of the dress was accented with gold buttons. Both mothers wore corsages of white roses.

The groom's father served as his best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Lance McCollough.

Mr. Mike Amison, Mr. Ken Owens, Mr. Greg Parker, Mr. Steve Sauls, Mr. Lance Lindell, all of Elba; Mr. David Ammons, Enterprise; and Mr. Stan Sauls, Millbrook.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Judy McLain of Opp.

**Reception**  
Following the ceremony, the bride's family hosted a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

At the entrance to the reception area, a table draped with a white cloth and scattered with white tulle and ivy held various framed pictures of the couple. The area was decorated with ficus trees, ferns on white pedestals, and grapevine wreaths laced with ivy. Round tables covered with white cloths and adorned with hurricane lamps and ivory topiaries were placed in classrooms around the fellowship hall to provide seating for the guests. Bouquets of roses in crystal vases were placed on tables throughout the reception area.

The bride's table was placed in front of white lattice decorated with white tulle and ivy and was draped with an elegant embroidered white cloth. Centered on the table was a three-tiered wedding cake decorated with fresh flowers. A five-arm silver candelabra holding white taper sat on one side of the cake. Silver

containers filled with mints and nuts were placed on the other side of the cake. Miss Alison Glenn of Auburn and Mrs. Denise Sauls of Elba served at the bride's table.

The groom's table was centered in front of white lattice adorned with burgundy tulle and was draped with an embroidered ecru cloth. The groom's two-layered chocolate cake decorated with fruit sat on one end of the table. A silver candelabra holding burgundy tapers and silver containers filled with various chocolate candies were placed on the other end of the table.

Sandi Sullivan of Elba, sister of the groom, and Miss Kelly McLain of Opp served at the groom's table. Food tables were covered with white cloths and accented with three-arm silver candelabras. Foods served from the tables included miniature chicken salad pastry cups, cheese balls with crackers, barbecue sausages, cheese straws and fresh fruit, all prepared by friends and family members of the couple.

Karen Brabham, Brandon, Miss; Ms. Alisa Prim, Enterprise; and Mrs. Mona Wise, Elba, served at the food tables.

Punch was served from a silver punch bowl decorated with ivy. Mrs. Pam Solomon and Mrs. Sandi Wakefield, both of Dothan, served at the punch table.

Bird seed attendant was Miss Lauren Keith of Hartford, cousin of the bride. The reception was coordinated by Mrs. Mary Bruce of Kinston and Mrs. Betty Davis of Elba, aunts of the bride.

Following a wedding trip to New York, the couple now resides in Dothan.

**Parties and Showers**

**Bridal Branch**  
The bride, mothers, bridesmaids, and other special ladies were honored with a brunch in the home of Mrs. Carolyn Brunson of Elba on Oct. 10. Hostesses with Mrs. Brunson were Mrs. Rhonda Williams, Mrs. Ella Kate Ham, Mrs. Bette Ham, Mrs. Alice Maddox, and Mrs. Betsy Martin.

Groomsmen's Brunch  
On Oct. 10, the groomsmen, male family members, and special friends were honored with a brunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Amison of Elba. Mr. and Mrs. Amison and Mrs. Pearl Kent hosted the brunch.

**Rehearsal Dinner**  
Following the wedding rehearsal on Oct. 9, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McCollough hosted members of the wedding party, family members, and guests with a buffet dinner at their home in Elba. Assisting with the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Danford, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCollough, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Sullivan.

**Handyman Party**  
On Sept. 12, Mr. McCollough was honored with a handyman party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Powell of Elba. Assisting with the party were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Farris.

**Pine Level School plans March reunion**

Pine Level School will have a reunion March 20, beginning at 10 a.m. at the old school site.

All former teachers and students are urged to attend. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the noon meal. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be furnished.

For more information call Todd Boland at 334/897-5889.

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**Hobson Roberts celebrates 8th birthday**

Hobson Roberts of Chelsea, Ala., just celebrated his eighth birthday with a party at a skating rink with family and friends. Hobson is the son of Tate and Russ Roberts, and grandson of Connie Roberts of Eclectic and Charlotte and Richard Hobson of Elba. He has a brother, Aaron and two sisters, Tina and Mara.

**Bird Seed Party**

On Oct. 2, a bird seed party was given for Miss Bedsole in the home of Mrs. Lynn Weeks of Kinston.

Hostesses of the party were Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Mandy Jelfcoat, Mrs. Denise Sauls, and Mrs. Mona Wise.

**Christmas Ornament Party**

A Christmas ornament party was given for Miss Bedsole in the home of Mrs. Caryl Tucker of Dothan on Oct. 1. Assisting Mrs. Tucker were Mrs. Cynthia Harrison and Mrs. Beverly Watkins.

**Lingerie Shower**

Miss Bedsole was honored with a lingerie shower in the home of Mrs. Annick Sims of Dothan on Sept. 26. Hostesses with Mrs. Sims were Mrs. Michelle Click, Mrs. Emily Goodman, and Mrs. Veronica Stephenson.

**Miscellaneous Shower**

On Sept. 20, the ladies of the Westgate Church of Christ honored Miss Bedsole with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Beverly Watkins of Dothan.

**Tool Party**

A tool party was given for Mr. McCollough by members of his extended maternal family on Sept. 19. The party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Danford of Enterprise.

**Miscellaneous Shower**

Miss Bedsole was honored on Sept. 13 with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Janice McCall of Elba. Other hostesses of the shower were Mrs. Faye Goodson, Mrs. Teresa Kirkland, Mrs. Edna Morrow, Mrs. Carolyn Kelley, Mrs. Kim Lowery, Mrs. Shirley Henderson, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Lynn Baker, Mrs. Peggy Stroud, Mrs. Mary Young, Mrs. Gloria Harper, Mrs. Phyllis Adkison, Mrs. Mary Wallace, Mrs. Pam Crittenden, Mrs. Patsy Williams, Mrs. Edna English, Mrs. Judy Norris, Mrs. Frances Brunson, Mrs. Cathy Young, Mrs. Kim Neal, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Judy Killingsworth, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Brenda Smith, Mrs. Kathy Smith, Mrs. Barbara Hudson, and Mrs. Jeanette Carr.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary**

The children of Robert and Kelly Kelley of Damascus request the honor of your presence at a 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration to be held on March 14 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in New Brockton. No gifts please.

**Miss March Pageant to be held March 7th**

Come have fun with us! Miss March Pageant, March 7 at the Enterprise Civic Center. Judges score sheets and comment sheets will be available! For more information please call Teressa Dutton at (334) 347-2648. If no answer, leave a message.

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**"DanceTime" to be presented by Coffee County Arts Alliance**

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"DanceTime" is a fantasy journey through 500 years of dance punctuated with dialogue, song, and music of the times. It travels from the 15th Century to the 1990s and covers the globe from Italy, France and England to America.

"DanceTime" will be presented on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Enterprise High School Auditorium.

Tickets can be purchased at: The Jewel Box in Elba; West Gate Book and Gift, The Framery, and Plain 'n Fancy in Enterprise, or the Fort Rucker ITR office.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

**WHITMAN LLOYD MILLER**



Whitman Lloyd Miller

Ron and Kim Miller of Elba would like to announce the birth of their son, Whitman Lloyd Miller, on Jan. 14, 1999 at 4:09 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 and 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Robert and Ann Miller and the late Hubert and Ann Whitman, all of Elba.

Whitman Lloyd was welcomed home by his 7-year-old sister, Hannah.



**MICHAEL MASHBURN**, 11-year-old grandson of Jim and Ann Nichols of Elba, recently won the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay contest. At a coffee in his honor, the George Walton Chapter of the NSDAR presented Michael a medal, a certificate, and a savings bond for his essay on Stephen Decatur, a naval hero. Michael is in the fifth grade at Reese Road School in Columbus, Ga. and is the son of Carole and Chuck Mashburn. Pictured are: (left to right) Nikki Chriss, fifth grade social studies teacher; Jeanelle Pendleton, Reese Road principal and Michael Mashburn.

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**Birth Announcement**

**ANNISLEY MARYE PADGETT**



Annisley Marye Padgett

Kyle and Dana Padgett of Elba would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Annisley Marye Padgett on November 3, 1998.

Annisley's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Padgett, Ms. Charlotte Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stinson, all of Elba. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stinson of Elba, and step-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Galimore, also of Elba. Great great-grandparents are Mrs. Lotus Hudson and Mr. Gordon Capps.

**Deadline For Social & Church News is MONDAY!**

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**Twentieth Century Study Club hosts Valentine Dinner Party**

The ladies of the Twentieth Century Study Club hosted their annual Valentine Dinner Party on Feb. 11 at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast. Husbands of the club members were the honored guests for the special occasion.

Loss of candlelight twinkled on stems of crystal and silver service plates. Beautiful arrangements of miniature carnations, the traditional red, and smiling daisies centered the tables.

Aunt B served a delicious dinner of prime rib, vegetables, fruits, and salad. Wouldn't you know, the dessert was red strawberry shortcake.

The evening was an enjoyable time for all.

**Anna Marie Bowers is three years old**



Anna Marie Bowers

Anna Marie Bowers celebrated her third birthday with family and friends at Chuck E. Cheese's in Montgomery, Ala. on Feb. 13, 1999.

Anna Marie is the daughter of Karen Bowers and Andy Bowers of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Becky and Don Morrow and Louise and Burn Bowers, all of Elba. Granny and Great Grandpa are Ethel and Howard Waller, also of Elba.

**Don't Forget Lion's Club PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight



by: Deana Gilford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on **Emilee Benbow**. Emilee is an employee at Kelley's Barbecue where she serves as a waitress. She is the daughter of Gena and Jeff Benbow.

Emilee is a junior at Elba High School this year. She is an active member of Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta, SGA, the Journalism Staff, VICA, and Girl Scout Troop #300. In her free time, Emilee enjoys being with friends, working out, reading, and spending time with her family.

After high school, Emilee plans to attend college as a pre-med student and then to transfer to medical school to become a pediatrician.

We are proud to shine this week's spotlight on Emilee Benbow.

## Chi Alpha Mu Notes

by: Melissa Sanders

On Jan. 8, 1999, the Elba Chapter of Chi Alpha Mu met to discuss upcoming events for the club. President Wesley Kelley called the meeting to order. Mrs. King suggested a Valentine's Party be held at the next meeting. The members agreed to make preparations for the party. Mrs. King then asked the officers to volunteer to bring food along with other items to the party. After the party had been arranged, President Wesley Kelley dismissed the meeting.

On Feb. 3, the Elba Chi Alpha Mu chapter held their Valentine's Party. The members thoroughly enjoyed the party and would like to thank Mrs. King for the support she has given the club this year.

## Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox

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Daniel Murdock  
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## Thin: Deadly Obsession

by: Julie Roberson

Thin. It is every girl's dream. It seems like today's society can never be thin enough. It is often one of the main focus points in society today. Everywhere you look there is another skinny, beautiful model or this perfect Barbie Doll type on the TV station. Because of all the publicity that is put on the way people look, many people including men, turn to drastic measures to lose vast amounts of weight in short periods of time. Two of the most popular way of losing weight are Bulimia Nervosa and Anorexia Nervosa.

Bulimia Nervosa is when a person goes through a cycle of bingeing and purging. Bingeing is when a person eats a large amount of food in a short period of time. Purging means to rid the body of all the food in order to prevent weight gain. This can be done by vomiting or using drugs, such as diuretics or laxatives. Studies show that Bulimia affects one to three percent of middle and high school girls.

Also recent studies indicate that Bulimia is on the rise for males. It is very hard to diagnose Bulimia because the problem is often hidden. This can be very dangerous because it may be too late by the time they decide to get help. However, it is very rare that a person decides to get help because no matter what they actually weigh, people with bulimia always fear that they will get fat—no matter how thin they are. The physical problems with vomiting is that it can be painful for a person to swallow anything even water. Over time, a person's body will have trouble keeping anything down. This can cause a hole in the esophagus which can lead to death. Bulimia is a very serious disease that may start out as just a tiny habit, but then becomes an obsession.

Anorexia Nervosa is another deadly disease that results in an excessive weight loss. People suffering from Anorexia are afraid of becoming fat, so they avoid eating. At first this weight loss is not noticeable, but in a short time it becomes dramatic and threatens physical and emotional health. The result of Anorexia is that the digestion slows down and the person gets constipated. (The person is always cold because they have lost so much weight that they lose the protective layer of fat that insulates them.) People who suffer from eating disorders are trying to use food as a way to fill emotional needs such as love and belonging, or to ease loneliness. Also, 50% of the people suffering from Anorexia have struggled with another eating disorder at some time. It is estimated that one in two hundred fifty young women between the ages of twelve and eighteen have struggled with an eating disorder at some time. And five to ten percent of those who struggle with long-term Anorexia die from it. Anorexia Nervosa is a very serious disease that should not be taken lightly and any victims should seek help immediately.

These two diseases are very serious and dangerous disorders that not only result in permanent physical damages to the body, but also death. Both of these diseases usually start out as a simple desire to lose a couple of pounds. However, a person suffers from either of these diseases can never be thin enough and every time they look in the mirror they just see themselves as fat, ugly people when they are really dangerously thin.

## FBLA Encourages Everyone To Buckle-Up

Elba High School drivers were greeted in the school parking lot by some interesting characters on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Crash test dummies "Vince and Larry" were out patrolling the parking lot checking to see if the student drivers were wearing their seat belts.

The seat belt check was sponsored by FBLA as a service project to the elementary and high school to remind students of the importance of buckling up. Mr. Chuck Crawford, Highway Safety Coordinator with Southeast Alabama Emergency Medical Services Council, helped sponsor the project by furnishing the crash test dummies and by also speaking at the Future Business Leaders of America club meeting.

The students heard some alarming statistics regarding safety on the highways. According to Mr. Crawford, the citizens of Alabama



Crash test dummies, "Vince and Larry" pass out small items to Elba Elementary kids reminding them to wear their safety belts.

have a 1 in 3 chance of being in a serious to a fatal car crash in their lifetime. More disturbing was learning that teenagers between the ages of 16 and 17 have a 1 in 2 chance of being in a crash. Because of these statistics, Mr. Crawford emphasized the importance of wearing a seat belt as a means of protecting yourself if you are in an accident. The chances of surviving an accident increase by 50% if the occupants of the car are buckled in their seats.

After the club meeting, Mr. Crawford and the crash test dummies visited the elementary school where they discussed safety with the children. They also passed out pencils, pens, keychains and erasers as a reminder to buckle up. Mr. Crawford also spoke to the drivers education class and appeared on the student news show, WEHS News.

The members of FBLA would like to thank Mr. Chuck Crawford for helping us make our seat belt service project a success. We would also like to remind everyone to buckle-up!

## Baseball Preview

by: Daniel Murdock

The 1999 Elba Varsity Baseball Team is coming off a successful season, and they are looking forward to rebuild a team that lost many key players due to graduation. The new players for this year's team include: Zel Daniels, freshman; Job Bowers, sophomore; Josh Lawford, junior; Britt Grimes, junior; Bradley Bowers, junior; O'Shay Hammonds, senior; Derrick Duncan, senior; and Keni Mitchell, senior. The team is returning several players from last year which include: Brandon Salter, sophomore; Dustin Stinson, junior; Eric Jordan, senior; Adam Brooks, senior; Brad Holley, senior; Kevin Dodd, senior; Daniel Murdock, senior; and Josh Hodge, senior. The head coach is David Lowery and his assistants are Wynn Grimes and Marlon Johnston.

Coach Grimes said, "The team has been working really hard the past few weeks. We need some players to step up to pitch and if the hitting comes around as expected, then I would suspect that we should have another solid team."

The team is relatively young and they need the support from the student body as well as others throughout the community. Everyone is encouraged to come out and watch the Tigers play ball!

## Support The Elba Staff Buy An Annual NOW!

## Elba High School Receives ACTE Award



Elba High School will receive a plaque from the ACTE Achieve 100 organization. This award is in recognition of outstanding commitment to vocational education through 100% staff enrollment in ACTE. ACTE represents the Association for Career and Technical Education.

The teachers at Elba High School that helped Elba to achieve this goal include Mr. Donald Lawford, Mr. Bruce Sasser, Mr. Jacob Davis, Mrs. Ingrid Clark, Mrs. Martha Crawford, Mr. Larry Goodson, and Mrs. Donna Clark. Mr. Lawford is the Technical Education Coordinator and VICA sponsor. Mr. Sasser is the welding instructor, Mr. Davis is the Agriculture and Vocational Ag. Instructor, and Larry Goodson teaches Auto Mechanic. Mrs. Ingrid Clark and Mrs. Crawford are both associated with keyboarding and computers. Mrs. Donna Clark teaches both parenting and home economics and is also a sponsor of PALS. All of these helped to contribute to Elba High School receiving this outstanding award of leadership and commitment.

## Pop Tab Program Helps McDonald House

by: Daniel Murdock

To most people a pop tab is just another little piece of aluminum. But to thousands of families across the country, they are a valuable resource. To understand why these pop tabs are so valuable, it helps to know a little bit more about the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

For families in need, the Ronald McDonald House has been that "home-away-from-home." Each night, for more than 2,500 families throughout the world, "Let's go home" means home at one of the 182 Houses around the world. Ronald McDonald House is the only worldwide program that provides the comforts of home every day of the year for families of seriously ill children undergoing treatment at participating hospitals. It costs \$40.00 a night for a family to stay at the House. Families are only asked to make a suggested \$10.00 per night donation. However, no family is ever turned away if they cannot make a donation. In fact only 30% of families who stay are able to make any contribution. Filling that gap is why the pop tab program began over ten years ago and has raised over \$750,000 nationwide.

Mrs. Grider's first grade class is diligently participating in this worthy cause. Their motto is "you don't have to be big to be helpful," and they appreciate all contributions to their efforts. Their class is made up of only 15 students so they need full participation from the community. So the next time you pop open a canned drink, think about the Ronald McDonald House and donate your pop tab to the office of Elba High School or Elba Elementary School. Your donation will be well worth your effort as you will brighten the face of an elementary school student and help out many others who are in need.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Ron Hill, Sherika Lindsey, Brandon Harbuck and Amanda Mauldin gathered around their teacher, Mrs. Thomas, for a reading lesson. It's just another example of EES's focus on 100 percent literacy.

## Elba Elementary School chosen to be one of sixty literacy demonstration sites

Elba Elementary School has been chosen as one of 60 schools in the state by the Alabama Reading Initiative as a Literacy Demonstration Site.

"I got involved with this program because it is the first time I've seen the state come up with a plan to attack this core area of education," said Elba City School Superintendent Charles Pearce. "I feel fortunate that our school was one of the sixty chosen to be a demonstration site for this program."

The Alabama Reading Initiative is a three year-old program sponsored by the State Department of Education with a goal of 100 percent literacy for the state of Alabama. Based on test scores showing reading to be the greatest weakness for students across the state, a group of educators, business people and grassroots support groups began working to develop an extensive, research based training program to remedy the situation. The implementation of this program takes place in the form of Summer Academics.

Schools selected as Literacy Demonstration Sites will receive 10 days of extensive teacher training from a highly qualified summer academy faculty. The faculty will provide the principal and teachers of the Literacy Demonstration Sites effective reading instruction in the fine-tuning and adjusting of reading programs already in place in their schools. This training will target the reading performance of students on three fronts:

- Beginning reading instruction

He said this in turn led to an overwhelming state of excitement throughout the whole school for the teachers and administrators. Elba Elementary was chosen by the State Department of Education to be a Literacy Demonstration Site as a result of an involved application process.

Pearce said Lynn Irwin, assistant principal at Elba Elementary, has been the mother of this project for the school. He said her dedication to the project was a leading factor behind the school's application process.

Elba Elementary was selected from a large pool of applicants from across the state. The selection was based on items such as past actions and accomplishments related to reading instruction, commitment to 100 percent literacy, agreement of faculty to attend the Summer academy, knowledge of the research base for effective reading instruction, support from the principal and central office and an earnest desire to improve reading instruction.

After submitting the application, Elba Elementary was visited by representatives from the State Department of Education. These visitors toured the school, met with teachers to discuss reading programs already in place and observed instruction in several classrooms. Being one of the 60 schools selected will give Elba Elementary an opportunity to take part in the 10-day Summer Academy to be held at Troy State University in July of 1999. During the upcoming school year Elba Elementary will be involved in the promotion of 100 percent literacy across the state of Alabama and will serve as a model of effective reading practices for visiting schools.

Pearce said Elba Elementary had to show at least an 85 percent commitment from its faculty for the 10-day training to qualify for the program.

"It's my delight that 100 percent of our staff agreed to go for the 10 consecutive days of training," he said. "We are very excited to be a part of this, and I hope it becomes a contagious program with more and more schools becoming involved every year until every school in the state reaches 100 percent literacy."

## National Security reports financial findings

Results for the three months and year ended Dec. 31, 1998 and 1997, based on generally accepted accounting principles, have been reported as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31	1998	1997
Premium Income	\$1,639,000	\$2,454,000
Investment Income	73	4,394,000
Total Revenues	73	37,347,000
Net Income	\$7,399,000	\$ 930,000
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## Forget The Rinse, Soak, Haul, Wash and Dry

Dear Mr. Ross: I'll be perfectly honest with you—I'm about at the end of my rope. My husband and I have 3 children. My youngest—a 3 year old—is profoundly developmentally delayed and still wears diapers. Any-thing that could go wrong lately has and financially we're strapped. It's going to take months of scrimping and saving before we're caught up. We've been down this road before and what it involves is getting out the cloth diapers again and forgoing using disposables.

I don't want to complain but the extra work load of washing diapers depresses me. I'm not a lazy person and I love my children, but I absolutely dread washing diapers. My daughter may be in diapers for the rest of her life and I get so overwhelmed thinking about it. Even \$200 would be a big help. I feel guilty for asking because I should be asking for winter clothing or to pay a utility bill. But quite honestly, if you did give money for these things, it would only be to free up my household money so I could purchase disposable diapers.

Mrs. Frank Honesty • The Times, Cullman, AL

Dear Mr. Honesty: You know what they say about "the truth will set you free." In your case the same can be said of disposable diapers. Evidently there is a certain freedom you experience in being able to use them, which I'm sure many people can relate to. I have no idea how long \$200 will last you, so I'm sending \$300. Here's to spending quality time with your children, rather than with your washing machine.

Dear Percy: When a father fails his son it has to be the worst feeling in the world. Let me explain. I divorced my wife 5 years ago after I caught her with supposedly my best friend. Water under the bridge now. I fought long and hard and was awarded sole custody of my son, who at the time was 7. He is almost 13 now and is truly a good kid—B average, good at athletics, even tempered and has a tremendous sense of humor. I had promised him for his 13th birthday a computer of his own. We have an old dinosaur that he bangs away on, but it has such limited memory, we can't get a modern to go on-line. I had the \$1,500 saved and wouldn't you know it—I blew a rod in my car and had to dip into it, so now I'm \$350 short. We talked it over and although he says he understands, the look of disappointment on his face made me feel like a failure. It's a long shot, Percy, but if it wouldn't be taking food out of another person's mouth, we'd really appreciate the help.

Mr. T. O. ... The Impulse, Bel Air, MD

Dear Mr. O.: My giving you \$350 is really taking away from someone else who is far more desperate, so let's strike a deal. I'm sending you that amount in exchange for your and your son doing several hours of community service working in a soup kitchen.

You see, years ago the 13th birthday marked the passage from being a boy into a man. Computers are great and I'm glad to see you're rewarding your son for good behavior. But I'd also like your son to see how the other half lives to broaden his sense of appreciation. Best wishes.

Dear Mr. Ross: Why, why, why? Why didn't you give me the \$10,000 requested for my wedding? Why are you so cold hearted? You're a millionaire—why are you so stingy? You ruined my happiness by not sending the \$10,000 I was expecting. Why couldn't you just give me a measly \$10,000? I just can't understand it. All I want to know is "Why?"

Mrs. E. B. ... Benton County News, Foley, MN

Dear Mrs. B.: You're seeking the answer to the wrong question. If you want to spend time pondering a question, it should be: "Why would Percy give me \$10,000 for my wedding?"

Write Percy Ross, c/o the Elba Clipper, P.O. Box 39800, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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## Smart receives promotion

David L. Smart has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers (STEP) program to the rank of master sergeant.

Smart is a vehicle operations superintendent assigned to the 16th Transportation Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

## Coffee County Schools

Menu  
March 8 - 12, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Biscuit, Sausage, Jelly or Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pepperoni Pizza, Hoagie Sandwich, Green Salad, Whole White Potatoes, Fruit, Crackers, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Steak Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Jelly, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Taco Salad, Burrito, Breaded Okra, Veggies w/Dip, Cookie, Fruit, Crackers, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Barbecue Sandwich, W.K. Corn, Broccoli, Fruit, Peanut Butter Bar, Milk
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## SPORTS

Views from ....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The girls in the Mularz family have always had a soft place in their hearts for pets, as is evident by the fact that we have one dog, one cat, one fish and one bird. The Mularz zoo grew even bigger last weekend when Melissa came home from a trip with Mom with two chicks. We put the baby chicks in an old bird cage that was barely big enough for a bird, but they are still chirping loudly and have already doubled in size. Maybe this weekend Dad will get some chicken wire and make'em a cage that will last until we can figure out what to do with two "full grown" chickens!

## ONCE OVER...NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers have opened the 1999 baseball season, and made history Tuesday afternoon when they played their first game ever at the new field located on the Elba High campus. The area around the field still needs some work, but the field is as pretty as any around, and the dugouts and concession building are very attractive and make the entire complex something to be proud of. As the field ages and improvements are made to the entire area, the Elba Tiger field will be known as one of the best in this part of the state. This year's team appears a little weaker than usual, but games aren't won in the paper, and it will be up to the Tigers how many games they win, and if they make it to the playoffs. While the Tigers aren't blessed with any superstars, they are loaded with players that have played baseball all their lives, and that means something. I've got a feeling that the '99 Tigers are going to surprise some folks as the season rolls along!

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers will open their season this afternoon down in Geneva, and it should be another exciting season for the Lady Tigers. The team returns five starters off last year's 20-win team, and the girls have experience that should pay dividends as the season rolls along. It may be hard to improve on last year's success; however, you can bet the girls will play as hard as they can in each and every game and never give up without a fight. One thing for sure, this bunch of girls will never accept losing and will leave everything they have on the field in every game they play.

\*\*\* The Elba Recreation Department closed out its youth basketball league season last week, with all games being played on the new carpeted playing surface in the department's gym. The installation of the carpet did cause some problems with the schedule; however, all the players eyes lit up last week when they saw the new surface and it was easy to see the kids were really proud of "their" gym. The building and gym are already something everyone is proud of, and even more improvements are planned for the near future. It is a building all of Elba can be proud of, not just the kids.

\*\*\* The Rec Department held tournaments last week in all divisions, and one division in which the tournament really brought out some excitement was in the Boys 8 and Under. The scores were kept on the board throughout the season; however, since a winner had to advance in the tournament, the score was kept for all the tournament games. What had been the best division with the most fun suddenly became a level just below the NBA, and the entire attitude of everyone involved changed just because of the fact the scoreboard was used. You can bet next season the scoreboard will not be used for any of the games in this age division, and the games will once again be just for the fun of the players.

\*\*\* It was reported in some of the daily newspapers last week that a proposal had been introduced to the Alabama High School Athletic Association that would ban the state's many "private" schools from participating in sports playoffs with the "public" schools across the state. The state has had an independent school association for many years, and the schools have been very successful in athletics, hosting district and state tournaments that were widely attended. On the other hand, over the past several years there have been more and more private schools across the state that have joined the high school athletic association and have been allowed to compete against the public schools. That would not be a problem if the private schools had established school zones, however, the schools draw students from many areas, and in some cases from other states, and have in the smaller classifications become athletic powers. I don't have a problem at all in a parent sending their children to a private school, especially if they believe their kids can receive a better education. After all, we do live in a free country and can choose where our kids attend school. The problem is that while schools such as Kinston and Zion Chapel have to draw from a school zone, other private schools with which they compete in athletics have no school zones, and can "recruit" students to attend their schools. I am not saying that they recruit only athletes, because they probably also recruit students based upon academic excellence. The problem is that they can recruit, and that makes for an uneven playing field in athletics.

I have felt for many years that the simple solution to the ever-growing problem would be to establish a new "Class B" in the Alabama High School Athletic Association for all private schools. Let the bigger schools such as John Carroll, UMS-Wright, Briarwood, Trinity, Montgomery Academy, Catholic, Alabama Christian and St. Paul's compete in B1, and let the smaller schools like Bayside Academy, Houston Academy and Westbrook Christian compete in B2. The schools could compete against public schools during the regular season just like they now do, but when the playoffs roll around they would compete in their own classification, also just like the other schools do now in 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A. This would allow the AHSA to continue to police the schools as far as academic standards are concerned, and also allow the state to set the rules for the schools in athletics.

AHSA director Dan Washburn was quoted last week as saying it would hurt the association to lose the 31 private schools that were now members. Under this plan the association would not lose any of its members, and might even steal some away from the independent school association. I urge the AHSA officials to look at many plans that could solve the problem, and not just continue a policy that is not really fair to the majority of its members!

The various All-Star basketball teams from Elba will all be on the road this weekend to compete in District 6 tournaments. If you get a chance to watch them play please cheer 'em on and let the players and coaches know your support their efforts and dedication!

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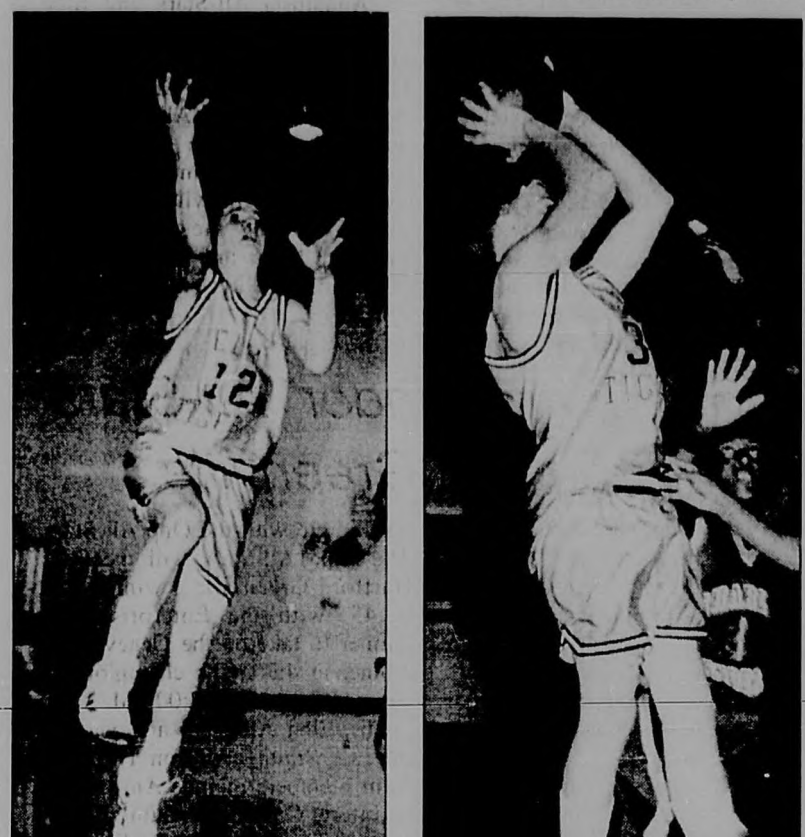
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**KYLE ENGLISH** - was named the MVP of the Elba 8th grade basketball team at the awards banquet. English led the team in assists, free throw percentage, steals and was second in scoring. Submitted photo

## Rattler 125 on March 6

Weekend of racing is set for March 6-7  
at Kinston's South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

The South Alabama Speedway will open its gates for the 1999 racing season with the 23rd annual Rattler 125 on Saturday and Sunday, March 6-7.

The weekend will kick off on Saturday with qualifying for Late Models, a 25-lap IMCA Modified Feature and the Rattler 125 Late Model spectacular, with a last chance race for Late Models, if needed.

Top drivers from across the Southeast are expected to battle for the \$3,500 winners purse in the Rattler 125, including David Bonnett, Dan Beddingfield, Duwayne Middlebrooks, Tracey Goodson, Bubba Naumann Jr., Wayne Newton, Ronnie Sanders,

Mike Arnold, Wayne Neidecken Jr., Donald Long, Donnie Brusso, Keith Thorpe, Greg Davidson, Stanley Smith, Keith Cahela, Andy Antinora, Lee Harsand, Tim Bryant, Bubba Gale, Pete Richardson and Buddy Welch.

The IMCA Modifieds are a new class this year at SAS, and these fast, open wheel modifieds should provide plenty of wheel-to-wheel racing throughout the season.

Sunday's action will include Twin 50's for Sportsman and Super Stock class cars, as well as Twin 25's for Pure Stocks and Street Stocks. With heat races will be held for Pure Stocks and Street Stocks. Rules for the Sportsman Class have been changed to allow more of the existing cars in the area to compete, and at a December drivers' meeting, fifteen drivers indicated they would be ready to race this weekend. The Super Stock Class was the most competitive at SAS in '98, with a total of thirteen different drivers taking the checkered flag. Pure Stock features some of the hardest charging drivers to take to the track, while the Street Stocks have the largest field of cars and put on a very competitive show each and every week in '98, with twelve different winners.

The gates will open at 11:00 AM on Saturday, with qualifying at 1:00 PM and the racing to begin at approximately 2:00 PM. On Sunday, the gates will open at 12:00 (noon), with qualifying at 2:30 PM, and racing to follow.

For more information, call the speedway at (334) 565-3539.

## Youth baseball camp set for Elba's Legion Field on week of March 8-13

The first annual "Elba Baseball Camp" will be held on March 8-13, at the Legion Field baseball fields. The camp will be divided into three divisions - Dixie Minor (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth (ages 11-12) and Dixie Boys (ages 13 and up), with 90 minutes of instruction to be given daily in all divisions, and two hours of instruction set for each division on the final day of the camp.

T-shirts will be awarded to all camp participants, and the camp instructors will be Greg Hanchey and Cory Driggers. Both instructors are graduates of Elba High School and played baseball at the college level.

Each camp participant will be taught sound offensive and defensive skills, including hitting, fielding, throwing and base running. Fundamentals of pitching and catching will also be taught by Driggers, a former college pitcher, for those participants that request the special position instruction.

Registration forms are available at Elba schools and at the Elba Recreation center. For more information call Greg Hanchey at 897-3701.

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**GIRLS AWARD WINNERS.** at the Elba Junior High Basketball banquet included (front row, l-r) Shawna Hill-Couch's Award and Ayonna Proctor-Captain, (back row, l-r) Latoya Tyson-Most Improved, DeAnn Smith-MVP Hustle, Danne Ware-Chairperson of Board, and Stacey Chism-MVP. Submitted photo



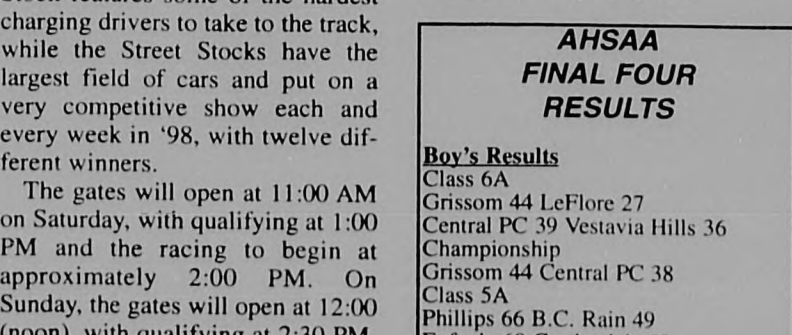
**BART BARNES** received the Coach's Award from Coach Brian Weeks at the Elba Junior High Basketball Awards Banquet. Submitted photo



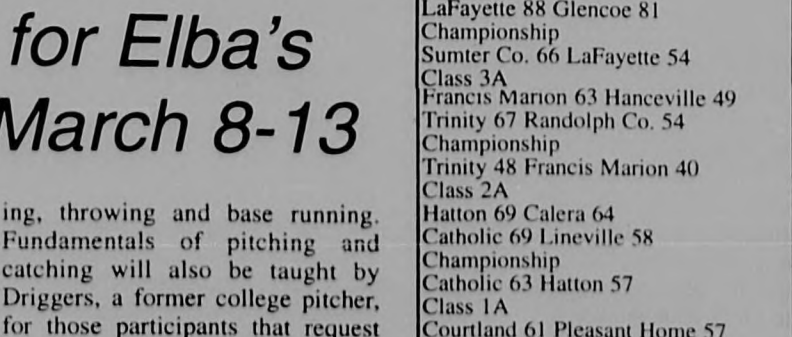
**DOUGIE KYLES** was named Most Improved by Coach Brian Weeks at the Elba Junior High Basketball Awards Banquet. Submitted photo



**TERRENCE KYLES** was named the Chairman of the Boards by Coach Brian Weeks at the Elba Junior High Basketball Awards Banquet. Submitted photo



**MICHAEL SAMS** was named Mr. Clutch by Coach Brian Weeks at the Elba Junior High Basketball Awards Banquet. Submitted photo



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Tournament champions crowned in  
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The Elba Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, put the wraps on the 1999 season last week by conducting a tournament in each of the five divisions.

Following are the results of the tournaments:

## Rockets claim "Girls 8 and Under" title

The Rockets pulled ahead early and held on late to claim the Girls 8 and Under championship with an exciting 4-2 win over the Sparks. The Rockets owned a 4-0 lead early in the fourth quarter, but had to turn back a late Sparks rally to claim the win. Scoring for the Rockets were Tiffany Johnson 2 and Brandy Caldwell 2, while scoring for the Sparks was Yuesha Terry 2.

## Tide captures crown in "Boys 8 and Under" action

The Tide rolled to a pair of exciting wins last week to claim the championship in the Boys 8 and Under division.

The six-team event opened action on Monday night with the Tigers claiming an easy 16-3 win over the Hornets. The Tigers pulled out to an early 10-0 lead and rolled to the win. Scoring for the Tigers were Will Gray 8, Aaron Harrison 4, Robert Paul 2 and Jamison Baker 2. Scoring for the Hornets were Justin Pike 2 and Aaron Drewey 1. In Monday night's second game the Jaguars led the way to crush the Bulldogs 18-3. The Jags jumped out to a 12-0 lead and coasted in with the win. Scoring for the Jaguars were Jahmal Brown 12, Dimetro Tyson 4 and Michael Spurlin 2. Scoring for the Bulldogs was Nick Weeks 3.

Semifinal action was held on Friday night, and in the opener it was the Tide narrowly escaping with a 15-14 win over the Tigers. The Tide trailed for most of the game, but rallied in the fourth quarter to claim the win. Scoring for the Tide were Aaron Harrison 6, Justin Hammond 5 and Cordelle Hooks 4. Scoring for the Tigers were Aaron Harrison 10, Graham Morrow 2 and Will Gray 2. The second semifinal clash saw the Jaguars surprise the Trojans 21-17, in overtime. The Trojans staged a furious fourth quarter rally to claim the win. Scoring for the Jaguars were Jahmal Brown 19 and Kevin Allen 2. Scoring for the Trojans were Jason Mitchell 8, John Jared 5, Matthew Gibson 2 and Trey Belcher 2.

The championship game was held on Saturday, with the Tide taking home the title with an exciting 16-10 win over the Jaguars. The Tide pulled out to a 14-8 lead in the third quarter and held on for the win. Scoring for the Tide were Gavin Repress 8, Cordelle Hooks 6 and Justin Hammond 2. Scoring for the Jaguars were Jahmal Brown 7, Michael Spurlin 2 and Drew Ellis 1.

## Wildcats and Hoyas share "Boys 10 and Under" crown

The Wildcats and Hoyas were declared co-champions in the Boys 10 and Under tournament after an officials' mistake resulted in a wild ending to the championship game.

The tournament began on Thursday night with the Wildcats pulling away in the second half to down the Blazers 36-21. The Wildcats owned a slim 10-9 lead after two quarters but poured in 26 points in the second half to roll to the win. Scoring for the Wildcats were Lewis Johnson 12, Ron Hill 10, Reymar Rogers 5, Duke Carr 3, Shawn Abbott 2 and Antwon Tillis 2. Scoring for the Blazers were Lonzo Cooks 11, Justin Knight 8, Champ Boutwell 2 and Derrick Manning 2. The second game of the night saw the Hoyas pound the Bruins 43-9. The Hoyas pulled out to a 6-2 first quarter lead and pulled away to post the easy win. Scoring for the Hoyas were LaRay Williams 19, Mason Guiley 18, Stephen Driggers 4 and Jordan Flowers 2. Scoring for the Bruins were Aaron Harrison 10, Andrew Stoudermeir 6, Chase Davis 6, and Jody Spurlack and Lance Cross.

## Sting survived scare to claim "Girls 12 and Under" crown

The Sting survived two tough battles to claim the championship in the Girls 12 and Under division tournament.

The tournament began on Tuesday night with the Sting posting a 17-10 win over the Shock. The score was tied at 2-2 after one stanza and the Sting held a slim 10-8 lead after three quarters of action but pulled away late to post the win. Scoring for the Sting were Ayonna Proctor 8, Shawanna Wright 4, Emily Paul 3 and Christy Eubanks 2. Scoring for the Shock were Lyndsay Lawford 6 and Rhashanda Flowers 4. The nightcap saw the Starzz escape with a wild 22-20 win over the Mystics. The score was knotted at the half at 8-8, but the Starzz pulled out to a 22-16 lead late in the final stanza and held on for the win. Scoring for the Starzz were Lacy Carlisle 14, Allison Brunson 4, Ashley Gibson 2 and Nicole Purvis 2. Scoring for the Mystics were Tenisha Thigpen 8, Michelle Carpenter 5, Kristin Barnes 5 and Stephanie Baxley 2.

The championship game was played Saturday afternoon with the Sting outscoring the Starzz 5-0 in overtime to claim an exciting 25-20 win. The Starzz had rallied from a 19-14 deficit in the final stanza to pull even, but fell short in overtime in their attempt to claim the title. Scoring for the Sting were Ayonna Proctor 11, Christy Eubanks 11, Emily Paul 2 and Allison Smith 1. Scoring for the Starzz were Lacy Carlisle 16 and Nicole Purvis 4.

## Hoosiers roll to title in "Boys 14 and Under" competition

The Hoosiers capped off an impressive season by claiming the championship of the Boys 14 and Under tournament.

The tourney began Saturday morning with the Tarheels claiming a 34-29 upset win over the Huskies. The Tarheels jumped out to a 24-13 halftime advantage and turned back a late Huskies rally to post the wild win. Scoring for the Tarheels were Brent Bowers 13, Lance Cross 10, Lowayne Parks 6, Brandon Petty 3 and J.T. Spurlack 2. Scoring for the Huskies were Brandon Wilson 12, Quinton Gavin 7, Timothy Daniels 6, Stefaun Burks 3 and Quilton Robinson 1.

The Hoosiers put the in on ice early and held on late to down the Tarheels 30-21 to take the tournament title. The Hoosiers jumped out to a 21-9 third quarter lead and coasted in with the win. Scoring for the Hoosiers were Clark Skinner 9, Colby Skinner 8, Todd Horstead 8 and Jessie Thigpen 5. Scoring for the Tarheels were Brent Bowers 9, Brandon Petty 5, Lance Cross 3, J.T. Spurlack 2 and Chase Davis 2.

## CORRECTION

The telephone number to call for the Elba Star All Star Basketball Camp was incorrect in the last two issues of The Elba Clipper. The correct number is (704) 372-8610. Again the correct number is (704) 372-8610.

We are sorry for any trouble this caused any of our sports minded readers.

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## SPORTS

Boys "10 and Under" All-Stars  
to compete March 6 in E'prise

The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association will hold its District 6 "Boys 10 and Under" Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 6, at the Moose Hope Gym, in Enterprise, Alabama, with a total of seven teams battling to earn the right to advance on to the State Tournament.

The tournament will begin on Saturday morning at 8:00 when the Geneva All-Stars battle the Hartford

Girls "10 and Under" All-Stars  
will compete Friday at 8:00

The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association will hold its District 6 "Girls 10 and Under" Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, at the Sanford Gym and Community Center Gym, in Eufaula, Alabama, with a total of 8 teams fighting for the right to advance on to the State Tournament.

Opening round action will be held on Friday night at the Sanford Avenue Gym, with action to begin at 6:00 with the Abbeville All-Stars taking on the Greenville All-Stars.

Boys "12 and Under" All-Stars  
will compete in Greenville

The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association will hold its District 6 "Boys 12 and Under" Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 6, at the Dunbar Gym, in Greenville, Alabama, with a total of seven teams competing for the right to advance on to the State Tournament.

The tournament will begin on Saturday morning at 9:00, when the Hartford All-Stars will battle the Greenville All-Stars. The 10:15 game will find the Enterprise All-Stars against the Troy All-Stars, while at 11:30 the Geneva All-Stars

Girls "12 and Under" All-Stars  
open play Saturday in Eufaula

The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association will hold its District 6 "Girls 12 and Under" Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 5-6, at the Community Center Gym, in Eufaula, Alabama, with a total of 11 teams battling for the right to earn a spot in the State Tournament.

Action will tip-off on Friday night at 6:00, when the Dothan All-Stars take on the Hartford All-Stars, to be followed at 7:00 with the battle between the Troy All-Stars and the Opp All-Stars. Friday night's 8:00 game will have the Enterprise All-Stars taking on the Andalusia All-Stars, with the 9:00 game to find the Eufaula All-Stars against the Geneva All-Stars.

Action on Saturday will find the

Boys "14 and Under" All-Stars  
will compete in Greenville

The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association will hold its District 6 "Boys 14 and Under" Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 6, in Greenville, Alabama, with a total of four teams competing for the right to earn a berth in the State Tournament.

The action, to be played at the Dunbar Gym, will begin at 2:00 on Saturday when the Greens All-Stars battle the Andalusia All-Stars, and will be followed at 3:15 with the game between the Elba All-Stars and the Enterprise All-Stars.

This will be the first time Elba has entered a team in the "14 and Under" tournament; however, coaches Tim Williams and Ron Hill are confident they have a solid team and will be competitive.

Members of the All-Star team include Dominic Miller, Timothy Daniels, Todd Horstead, Brandon Sims, Lowayne Parks, Brandon Petty, Brent Bowers, Shawn Stinson, J.T. Spurlack and John Buchanan.

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Scoring leaders are named in all  
five Elba youth basketball leagues

The Elba Youth Basketball League concluded its season last week in all five divisions, and following the final games of the season the scoring leaders for all divisions were announced.

Following are the scoring leaders in all five divisions:

## BOYS 8 AND UNDER

Jahmal Brown, of the Jaguars, closed the season with a flurry to claim the scoring crown with a total of 51 points in six games. Rounding out the "Top 10" were Gavin Repress (Tide) 46, Justin Hammond (Tide) 24, Aaron Harrison (Tigers) 23, Will Gray (Tigers) 20, Jason Mitchell (Tide) 18, Graham Morrow (Tigers) 18, Cordelle Hooks (Tide) 18, and the Trojans (Trojans) 18 and Dikembe Bullard (Trojans) 16.

## GIRLS 8 AND UNDER

Tiffany Johnson, of the Rockets, scored a total of 7 points in only three games to take the scoring title. Rounding out the "Top 5" were Brandy Caldwell (Rockets) 6, Ashley carpenter (Sparks) 6, Tiffany Bryan (Sparks) 4 and Kayla Kyser (Sparks) 4.

## BOYS 10 AND UNDER

LaRay Williams, of the Hoyas, closed out the season with a bang to claim the scoring title with a total of 91 points in six games. Rounding out the "Top 10" were Duke Carr (Wildcats) 76, Mason Guiley (Hoyas) 64, Lonzo Cooks (Blazers) 47, Lewis Johnson (Wildcats) 36, Ron Hill (Wildcats) 32, Reymar Rogers (Wildcats) 27, Lamar Ware (Wildcats) 20, Aaron Jacobs (Bruins) 20 and Zach Spann (Bruins) 17.

## GIRLS 12 AND UNDER

Ayonna Proctor, of the Sting, scored a total of 82 points in seven games to take the scoring title. Rounding out the "Top 10" were Lacy Carlisle (Starzz) 44, Christy Eubanks (Sting) 32, Tenisha Thigpen (Mystics) 31, Nicole Purvis (Starzz) 30, Ashley Gibson (Starzz) 26, Lyndsay Lawford (Shock) 24, Roshanda Flowers (Shock) 22, Stephanie Baxley (Mystics) 21 and Elena McCormick (Mystics) 18.

## BOYS 14 AND UNDER

Colby Skinner, of the Hoosiers, poured in a total of 63 points in seven games to take the scoring crown. Rounding out the "Top 10" were Jessie Thigpen (Hoosiers) 56, Clark Skinner (Hoosiers) 53, Quinton Gavin (Huskies) 52, Brent Bowers (Tarheels) 51, Brandon Wilson (Huskies) 43, Brandon Sims (Hoosiers) 38, Todd Horstead (Hoosiers) 35, Timothy Daniels (Huskies) 34 and Dominic Miller (Huskies) 33.

ELBA PARKS & RECREATION  
RECREATION REPORT

## Baseball and Softball registration underway

Registration for baseball and softball is now underway in Elba, with leagues being offered for boys and girls ages 4-18.

Leagues in baseball include Tee-Ball (4-6), Coach Pitch (7-8), Dixie Minor (9-10), Dixie Youth (11-12), Dixie Boys (13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors (15-16) and Dixie Majors (17-18). League age is determined by a players age on August 1, 1999.

Leagues in softball include Tee-Ball (4-6), Coach Pitch (7-8), 10 and Under (9-10), 12 and Under (11-12), 16 and Under (13-16) and 18 and Under (17-18). League age is determined by a players age on January 1, 1999.

Registration is \$10 per person and \$25 for families with more than two members. Registration forms are available at the Elba Recreation Center, City Hall, and the Elba City Schools. Registration will continue through Friday, March 12, with teams to be chosen the following week.

For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

## Coaches needed for youth baseball and softball teams



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